

## ABSTRACT

A buffering mechanism in which the contact area between an object to be housed and an elastic member interposed between the object to be housed and a housing member for housing the object is to be increased, while the elastic member is to have a sufficient thickness in at least two mutually perpendicular buffering directions. To this end, a buffering mechanism 10 is provided in which an object to be housed 12 is bufferably accommodated in a housing member 11. The object to be housed 12 includes at least three shaft units 13 extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of thickness of the object. An elastic member 14 is formed of an elastic material and provided with a cylindrically-shaped shaft accommodating opening 14a. The shaft unit is introduced into the shaft accommodating opening of the elastic member. At least a portion of the outer lateral surface of the elastic member is contacted with the housing member.